

*Lenten Midweek 2*

# LENT

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## Lutheran Church

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### PRELUDE

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

*Seth Bigham*

## Silent: When Heaven Grows Still...

Week Two: The Silence in the Temple

### AS WE GATHER

As we walk through our Lenten journey captivated by all the sights and sounds of the breaking of bread in the upper room to the anguished prayers in the garden to the chaos in the temple to the heart-wrenching view of Calvary, we will take the time this year to notice the silence... those eerie and painful moments of unexpected quiet. Come... and journey this day to the silence in the temple.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436 v. 2, *add.*

♪ **Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.**

**Follow to the temple now, see these men in vast array  
Elders, priests, and teachers vow “We will put this man away”  
Swearing by their very breath. Watch them plot His gruesome death:**

**“Answer now”, demanded they, charging Him with blasphemy  
“Swear by God an oath today, are you Christ you claimed to be?”  
Hushed becomes the gathered crowd, Jesus opens not his mouth.**

### INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### RESPONSIVE READING

*from 1 Peter 2:22-24*

**Pastor:** He committed no sin,

**People:** **and no deceit was found in his mouth.**

**Pastor:** When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate;

**People:** **when he suffered, he made no threats.**

**Pastor:** Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

**People:** **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,**

Pastor: so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;  
**People: by his wounds you have been healed.**  
Pastor: By his wounds you have been healed.

### **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*from Psalm 51/ 32*

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.  
**People: according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.  
**People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

Pastor: Surely I was sinful from my birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**People: Hide your face from my sins.**

Pastor: Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
**People: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Pastor: Do not cast me from your presence  
**People: or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
**People: and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.**

Pastor: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**People: Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him.**

Pastor: You are my hiding place.

**People: You are my hiding place.**

Pastor: You are, indeed, blessed. God has heard your cries and has come to save.

At His command, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✱ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Give us insight, we pray, into what went on in those chambers where Jesus was taken the night he was betrayed. Those very religious chambers, where Your Son was so shamelessly treated. The place where the Scriptures, the sacrifices, the holy days, the rituals, all prepared the way for You. How could they miss the truth when the truth was standing right in front of them? And yet how many times have I failed to see You standing before me face to face! Help me Lord to remember that the people in that chamber read the same Word as Jesus did, believed in the same Creator, worshipped in the same temple, observed the same rituals. Yet their hands were the first to strike Him. Grant that I would never have such a hand. In

those very chambers. Those very religious chambers. Where Your Son was so shamelessly treated...

*(Silence...)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 53:2-7

*(Like a lamb to slaughter, like a sheep before shearers, He was silent)*

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

Hebrews 4:14-16

*(Jesus, the Great High Priest, hears our prayers)*

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

“A Lenten Prayer”

*Robert J. Powell*

“There is a Green Hill Far Away”

*Jeffrey Blersch*

*St. Peter Lutheran School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Choirs*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 26:57-63

*(Jesus, who is led before the high priest, remains silent)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>57</sup> Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup> And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN**

**"My Song is Love Unknown"**

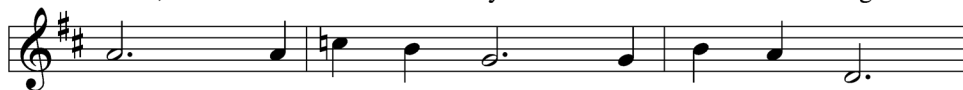
LSB 430 v. 1, 3-6



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -  
6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their  
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they  
have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a strang - er



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these  
slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes  
gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.  
That He His foes From thence might free.  
But mine the tomb Where - in He lay.

## HOMILY

“If They Keep Quiet...?”

Matthew 26:63

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor  
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## OFFERTORY

LSB 450 v. 2

♪ **How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
How doth Thy face now languish That once was bright as morn!  
Grim death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.**

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## VOLUNTARY

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

*Kenneth Kosche*

## PRAYER

*During this Lenten season, we hear not only the echoes of the ages, but the echoes that ring against these very walls, as we pray the prayers of those who find their place in the stone, glass, wood, tile, paint or fresco of Historic Trinity.*

**Pastor:** Look upon us, O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of Your brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of Your wisdom. All our desire is known unto You, therefore perfect what You have begun, and what Your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer. We seek Your face, turn Your face to us and show us Your glory. Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be perfect.

**People:** **Amen.** *~St. Augustine (354-430 AD)*

**Pastor:** Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you my whole being. Moreover, I owe you as much more love than myself as you are greater than I, for whom you gave yourself and to whom you promised yourself. I pray you, Lord, make me taste by love what I taste by knowledge; let me know by love what I know by understanding. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of your love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours, too, in love.

**People:** **Amen.** *~ St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)*

Pastor: Dear Jesus, my longing is so great that I cannot express it in words. I know not how to ask. What more can I say? My suffering is greater than all my complaining. I cannot counsel myself with reason nor counsel myself with my own courage. Comfortless, helpless, and forsaken. I am completely at loss. My God you will not abandon my hope. You will hear my prayer and satisfy my desires. I will pray and wait for your grace. Hear me. Fulfill my hope.

~ Martin Luther (1483- 1546)

People: Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### LENTEN BENEDICTION

*from Isaiah 53 and Isaiah 49:16*

Pastor: May He Who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; May He Who was stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted; May He Who was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities; May He continue to bless us and hold us engraved in His nail pierced hands.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The ✠ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB 575 v. 1-3



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

**POSTLUDE**

“Toccata in E Minor”

*Johann Pachelbel*